merits due from mills to the farmers for the cane supplies continue to mount;

(b) if so, what are the details of the arrears as on 1st January, 1st April and 1st July, 1992; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure quick and timely payment of dues by the mills to the cane-growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) The sugar production during the current 1991-92 sugar season (October-September) upto 15th June, 1992 aggre gated to 129.41 lakh tonnes as against the production of 120.47 lakh tonnes during the entire 1990-91 season.

The arrears of cane price payable by the sugar factories to the farmers as reported by the sugar factories as on 1st January, 1992 was Rs. 318-20 crores representing 35.3 per cent of the total cane price payable and as on 1st April, 1992 was Rs. 606.38 crores representing 18.7 per cent of the total cane price payable. The information regarding cane price arrears •as on 1st July, 1992 has yet to be received from the sugar factories.

Ensuring timely payment of cane price by the sugar factories is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments who have got necessary powers and field organisations to enforce such payments. However, the Central Government has also issued reminders from time to time requesting the State Governments to ensure timely payment of the cane price dues.

Release of Funds for Sardar Sarovar Project

*52. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has released the full amount for the Sardar Sarovar Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RS SOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) For the Sardar Sarovar Project, the details of loan and credit made available by the World Bank are as under—

(i) Sardar Sarovar Dam and Power Project (Credit 15SSS—IN— SDR 99.7 million) Loan 2497-lN-$ 200 million)

(ii) Sardar Sarovar Water Delivery on Drainage Project (Credit 1553-IN-SDR 149.5 million)

The total cumulative credit utilisation (on reimbursement basis) uptil 31-3-92 is $ 290.67 million which is approximately equivalent to SDR 216.87 million. No amount of loan has been drawn as yet.

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*53. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या "नेशनल को-आपरेटिव बैंक" स्थापित किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री बलराम जाखड़): (क) और (ख) जी हां, सहकारी समितियों के पंजीकार को भारतीय राष्ट्रीय सहकारी संघ से, जो बहु राज्यीय सहकारी समितियां अधिनियम 1984 के अंतर्गत भारतीय राष्ट्रीय सहकारी बैंक के पंजीकरण के लिये मुख्य प्रमोटर हैं, एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रस्तावित बैंक का उद्देश्य राज्य स्तर/राष्ट्रीय स्तर के सहकारी बैंकों तथा नगरीय सहकारी बैंकों की सदस्यता के साथ सहकारी बैंकिंग प्रणाली को फालतू धनराशि को सहकारी तथा अन्य चयनित उद्यमों के लिये खर्च करने हेतुज एक शीर्ष बैंक के रूप में कार्यकरना है। लेकिन, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक का विचार है कि प्रस्तावित भारतीय राष्ट्रीय सहकारी बैंक एक व्यावहारिक संस्थान नहीं हो सकता ।